

I'm writing to register my concern at the consolidation of the broadcast and print media into larger and larger groups. Such a monopoly makes it more difficult to maintain freedom of the press and to prevent serious usurpation of public media for partisan purposes.

One good example is Sinclair Broadcast Co.'s requirement that its affiliate stations air a so-called documentary on Senator John Kerry just before the election. The program is one-sided and allows no opportunity for Senator Kerry's response. It is designed to influence the election in a way that usurps the right of citizens to have a fair and balanced report.

Efforts to strengthen such consolidation and to continue to license conglomerates that restrict press freedom and freedom of individual stations should be stopped. Companies such as Sinclair should have their licenses revoked in fairness to our democracy.